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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-4

Part B. for September 08)

SUBJECT.

Disposal of Gold and Quartz confiscated by Criminal Courts.

1) From the Regr Ch Ct. no 3829/220 dy 30.11.07
Requests orders as to how ~~on the disposa~~ confiscated gold has to be disposed of

2) To Genl Secy. no 1768 dy 11-12-07.
Calls for the papers ~~referred~~ in the above mtn

3) From Genl Secy. no 1973 dy 12.12.07.
G. R. S. 58 Forwards the file of papers

4) To the Regr Ch Ct, Genl Secy & Dy Comr
V.O Dk. no 949-51/Cts 157-07 dy 24.12.07

Directs that the confiscated gold be refined by the local goldsmiths under the supervision of the Govt Servant & that part of the gold sold to them be sent to Bombay mint for being refined & sold in Bombay market

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Courts)

NOTES.

Ch File. No. 151-07

FILE HEADING.

Disposal of gold and Quartz confiscated by Criminal Courts.

From

The Registrar of the Chief Court of Mysore

No. 3829/220 Dated 30-11-07 Received 2-12-07

Diary No. 9/1444	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that at present the Assistant Comr Hospitals of the Kolar Gold Fields sends gold and Quartz confiscated by him to the Geological Department which does not render accounts to the Court concerned as to how the same was disposed and requests that in these circumstances, suitable orders may be passed as to how such confiscated property should be disposed of and a rule of procedure may be laid down for guidance in future relating to Geological Officers

NOTES AND ORDERS.

(1) May the opening correspondence referred to in para 2 of the letter be called for

Draft Subd 3/12/07

(2) Issue 6.12.07.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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2	To the Secretary to Govt. Geological Deptt. No 1768 dt 11.12.1907. Calls for the papers referred to in the above
3	from the same officer. No 1973 dt 12.12.07. Forwards the file ~~of papers referred to~~ containing the papers required. . . .

(3) A large quantity of confiscated and unclaimed gold amalgam and quartz having accumulated in the office of the Special magistrate, Kolar Gold fields, and it having been found that the sale of the same in the unrefined state would likely give bad characters a ground for defence, the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, proposed, in march 1897, that ~~large~~ such gold might profitably be refined in the Govt. Geological laboratory and ~~that~~ the pure gold and other metals disposed as Govt might direct. This proposal met with the approval of the Geological Secretary who agreed to receive for the purpose gold to the value of Rs 1000/- at a time.

(4) The Registrar's letter reveals that a large quantity of gold sent from time to time has not been dealt with by the Geological Deptt: and that the articles

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are in the custody of the Deptt, part in a sealed box in the Huzur Treasury and part in the office safe.

(5) With a view to ensure that the value of such gold and quartz may be credited to Govt without undue delay, the Chief Court requests that some definite rule of procedure may be framed by Govt.

Submitted for orders.

Hcg SW 16/12/07 16/12/07

(6) may the file be forwarded unofficially to the Geological Secy. for favour of opinion?

Secy) 18.12.07 JWW

7. YH 23/12

8 Forwarded to the Geological Secretary for favour of opinion.

23-12-07 - Ramakrishna Rao

U.O.J 35

Repr & Keep for D. Sheets

KG 27.12.07

R.O. 15.

9. I should be glad to have all this complicated property disposed of as soon as possible. We cannot deal with it departmentally as we have no means of melting or refining the gold or of extracting the gold from quartz & sand.

16 5/2/08

CL 6/2/08

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I think the simplest way would be for me to ask the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board to take over the material and pay for the same on its assay value deducting their charges for treatment. I should be glad to know whether I may approach the Board and if they are willing to act to hand the material over to them for treatment.

10 If the Board are not willing to take the stuff over the only alternative I can suggest will be to send the gold to Calcutta to the mint and ask them to refine it & purchase it. As to the quantity and tailings they would have to lie over until we find a purchaser.

11 I think that most probably the Mining Board will take the stuff over and if so the magistrate on the Gold Fields could be instructed to send such property to the Mining Board in future and the purchase value in return. The Board would not specially treat small lots but

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would probably require up very once a year or half year.

W. J. Sweeting
5.2.08
Secy: Govt. Depte

To The Secretary to Govt.
Gl & Rev. Depts.

12 Hcz 7/2/08 Submitted for orders.
May the Geological Secretary be requested to consult the Board as suggested by Mines and report the result?
Secy) 11.2.08.

13 I think the Geol. Secy's proposal may be approved & he may be asked to take further action in the matter.
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14 I should prefer sending to the Mint at Calcutta or Bombay.
Another & perhaps more suitable alternative would be to sell the entire quantity in convenient lots by auction at which only those would be eligible to bid who are engaged in mining operations & who are competent to possess the stuff under the Mining

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Reclamation — Letter 164 to GOI

WWW 17.2 8053 17.2.08 15 The Geological Secy's proposals may be approved

Sd 13/2/1908.

16 Put up draft early

WWW 16.3 CS 16/3 CSB 16/3

17 Hes 20.3.08. SW 23/3/08 Submitted with a draft order to the Secretary.

24.3.08. WWW

18 Put up fair draft as revised CSB

WWW 9.4 9/4

19 Hes 9/4/08 SW 11/4/08 Fair draft submitted. Secy) 11.4. WWW

6709 4-5-08. 20 Submit for sanction before issue

WWW 4.5 CSB 30/4

21 Seen — I am only afraid that the course proposed may lead to complications hereafter. Perhaps the Govt Advocate may be consulted with advantage — Two or three points

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The Lorne in mind are

22 1st That the Mining Board have been repeatedly & vehemently claiming this property as against Govt. The Claim has always been refused. To ask them & buy the same property from us at its assay value (which I suppose is to be fixed by the Board's officials) appears the inappropriate.

23 2d. In the Course of the discussions on the aforesaid claim it was pointed out that the Board had no locus standi — was not a registered Company & so forth. How can such a body be treated as a responsible body, responsible & be entrusted with property and account for it through all the processes which it shall undergo before its value is paid by the Board & Govt.

24 3d I think there was a case in which annulment went into their hands by mistake, and it could not be got out of them, Chief Courts' orders notwithstanding.

25 4th What is there to prevent a recurrence of similar mishaps?

Submitted

26 Submitted to the Secy.

7. 5. 08

27 Please consult Govt. Secr. w.o.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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U.O.J 62
18.5.08

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Forwarded unofficially to the Secretary to Govt, Geological Deptt. for a further expression of his opinion on the points raised by the first Counsellor above.

H. Krishna Rao
for Secretary to Govt.
Genl & Rev Depts.

SN
16/5

MYSORE GEOL. DEPT.
Regd. No. 21.1.21.
19- MAY. 1908
BANGALORE.

Recd yesterday 4.30 pm
Repd & returned for submn to Govt in camp
19.5.08

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The 1st Councillor suggests that the gneiss may be sold by auction. I think this would lead to a great deal of difficulty and expense and to Govt. receiving considerably less than the value of the material. It is quite impossible to tell what is the value of the material in its present state and if put up for auction buyers would make low bids so as to avoid all chance of paying too much. In addition it would not be easy to arrange a satisfactory auction in which the buyers were mining lessees entitled to possess mining material.

Subd.
2nd.
9.5.08.

Submitting my return to Bangalore
22.5.08

30 As to the difficulties suggested about selling the stuff to the mining Board I do not think that there are material. There can be no question I have already

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in regard to the Board any more than in selling the stuff to any private corporation, firm or person. The question which was previously raised as to the right of the Board to claim the material on behalf of various lessees was quite a different matter although I do not fear the suggestion that the Mining Board would be likely to appropriate the gold which was sent to them and refuse to pay for it. I admit that I would rather dispose of it otherwise than through the Board if it can be done equally easily & advantageously.

31 I have therefore enquired into two other ways of disposal viz :-

(a) By sending it to the Bombay mint for melting & refining and then selling it in the Bombay market.

(b) By getting a Bangalore goldsmith to refine the material here under our supervision and then selling him the refined gold on a reduction

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(a) according to this scheme the costs would be approximately as follows:— calculated per 100 tolas of material to be refined:

By freight to Bombay at 1 2/3 pies per maund per mile	as	3. 0
Insurance at as 2 per Rs 100/- per 100 miles	Rs	17. 8. 0
Packing cartage &c		1. 0. 0
Melting @ Rs 5/8 per 1000 tolas		9. 0
Refining at annas 4 per tola		25. 0. 0
Assay		1. 0. 0
Agency in Bombay		10. 0. 0
	Rs	55. 4. 0

(b) Charges by a Bangalore Refiner - per 100 tolas

actual Cost of refining	Rs.	13. 0. 0
Commission		20. 0. 0
By purchase of gold at as 4 per tola (refined gold) less than mint rate.		20. 0. 0
	Rs	53. 0. 0

32 There is some silver in the gold which is not allowed for by the mint. It may amount to 7 or 8 To. of the weight

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and the Bangalore Refiner has agreed to reduce his commission to Rs 10 on condition of being allowed to retain the 7 or 8 oz of silver which may be obtained during refining.

This will therefore reduce his refining to Rs 43 per 100 tolas compared with the Bombay cost of Rs 55. 4. 0.

Under these circumstances I recommend that I should get the work done at my office by the Bangalore man the name of the refiner who has agreed to do this work is Ranjinda Chetty of the C & M. Station - he is a respectable man and I have known him for many years.

33 as to the few bags of tailings which we have & which contain a little gold I will make separate proposals shortly.

Bangalore
4th Aug'08.

W. J. Sewell
Secy. Govt Depn

To The Secy. to Govt.
Genl & Rev Depts.

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Submitted for orders.

84 C&G 7/8/08. B.G. 7-8-08 The Geol. Sec'ys fresh proposals may be accepted SPM 4/8/08
(under Sec'y)
Subm'd 6.7.8[illegible]

7838/10-8-1908

35 These fresh proposals appear to be more acceptable than their predecessors - Alternative (b) may be accepted costing about Rs 3 per volt as - Of, some may be treated in this way, & some may be sent to Bombay mint under alternative (a) USB 10/8 198
Subm'd 12 Aug'st

Draft Mr under SPM 24.8.08

36 10140 & 28/8/08 approved
5/9/08
Put up papers SPM 3.9.08
C&S/9.

37 Draft submitted.
Ker SPM 12.9.08. (under Sec'y) SPM 14.9.08
Draft subm'd 6.7.8[illegible] for approval

8203/15-9-08

38 Draft approved USB 15/9/08
Issued SPM 21/9

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to 157-07-1.

Bangalore.

29th November 1907.

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From,

V.A.Rajaratna Mudaliar,Esquire

Registrar,Chief Court of Mysore.

To, C.S.Balasundaram Iyar,Esquire

Officiating Secretary to Government

General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

I am directed to state that when Mr.Justice H.V.Nanjundayya inspected the Court of the Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate,Kolar Gold Fields,in February last,he found that a number of items of property (gold) had been sent to the Geological Department to be sold and that they had not been accounted for.The Magistrate was asked to enquire of the Geological Department as to what had become of the gold and report the result to this Court.In reply the Magistrate forwarded copy of letter No.3297 dated 17th June 1907,from the State Geologist in Mysore,wherein it was stated that it was not possible to deal with the confiscated quartz sent by him from time to time and that the articles were in the custody of the Department,part in a sealed box in the Huzur Treasury and part in the office safe.

2. The Magistrate was thereupon asked in this office No.7/7 dated 1st July 1907,whether there was any rule or order of Government requiring that confiscated gold quartz should be handed over to the Geological Department.The Magistrate in his No.611 dated 30th Ultimo,forwarded copies of correspondence between himself,the District Magistrate of Kolar and the State Geologist and stated that he was sending gold and quartz &c confiscated to Government,to the Geological Department since 1899,in accordance with the proposal of the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar in his No. 3620/839 dated 16th March 1897,which was approved of by the Secretary to the Government in the Geological Department in his Nos.401 and 57 dated 6th Apriland 4th August 1897 respectively.

He also stated that no intimation was ever sent to him as to how these properties were disposed of..

3. The proceeds of confiscated or other property disposed of by order of Courts seem to be credited as revenue under Budget head "14.A.La and Justice,Courts of La". There seems to be no express order as to who should be responsible to see that such property is properly disposed of and the proceeds duly credited to Government.The Courts which pass the orders would seem to be the most appropriate authority;and when they hand over any property for sale or other disposal to any other Department,the - latter should realise the value without unnecessary delay and - credit Government with the value realised,sending information to the Court concerned.The latter may be required to account to Go -vernment by half yearly or yearly returns through this Court. The Police Department often disposes of such articles under orders of Courts and sends reports to them.

I am to request that Government may be moved to pass such orders as they may deem suitable,to ensure that the gold and - quartz already sent may be duly disposed of and credited to Government without undue delay,and to lay down some definite rule of procedure for the future.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant;

REGISTRAR.

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No. J. 1768

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To

The Secretary to the Govt
of H. H. the Maharaja of
the Geological Department

Date of issue 11-12-07

Signed by Mr K. Mylar Rao

Sir,

I am directed to request you to be so good as to forward for reference to this office at an early date the original papers relating to the marginally noted Communications of your office to the Dy Comr of Kolar. I have the

x 1) No 401 of 6/4/1897
2) No 57 of 4/8/1897

Asst
for Secretary

over.

ans 4/12/07

SUBJECT.

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MYSORE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

DATED, BANGALORE, 12th Dec. 190 7

No. 1973.

Encl. one file.

Cts File No 151-07
Sec. 3.

From

H. Kelsall Slater, Esquire, F.G.S.,
~~DR. W. F. SMEETH, M.A., D.SC., A.R.S.M., etc.,~~
(In charge) Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Geological Department

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Gen.& Rev. Depts.

SIR,

In compliance with your letter No.J.1768/ Cts.151-07-2 dated 11th December 1907, I have the honour to forward herewith the file of papers relating to this office letters Nos.406 (not 401 as stated in your letter) & 57, dated 6th April and 4th August 1897, respectively to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, on the subject of the refinement and disposal of confiscated gold, &c., and to request that the same may be returned to this office when done with.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. Kelsall Slater

Secretary to Government,
Geological Department.
(In charge).

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Date of issue 24.9.08

Signed by Hm Rajagopalachar

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

No J 949-51 dy 24.9.08
Cs 151-07-4

READ.—

Letter No 3829/2-20 dated the 30th November 1907 from the Registrar of the Chief Court of Mysore, stating that a large quantity of unrefined gold confiscated by the Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate, Kolar Gold Fields was sent to the Geological Department for refinement, has not been accounted for, and requesting that suitable orders may be passed.

ORDER THEREON.—No.

over

SUBJECT

MGCPB—20,000—24-2-05

to ensure that the Gold and quartz already Sent may be duly disposed of and the value credited to Govt and also that Some definite rule maybe laid down for future guidance with regard to the disposal of Such property.

(2) Letter No 1973 dated the 12th December 1907 from the Secretary to the Govt of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore in the Geological Dept, forwarding the file of papers on the Same subject with his opinion

Order thereon No

A large quantity of confiscated and unclaimed gold amalgam and quartz having accumulated in the Court of the Special magistrate Kolar Gold

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(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

Fields ~~since~~ from the year 1895 and it having been considered undesirable to sell the same in an unrefined state, it was decided that such materials ~~might~~ should be refined in the Government Geological Laboratory and the pure gold obtained therefrom, and other materials, if any, disposed of as Govt might direct. It is now reported that a large quantity of such material sent from time to time to the Geological Laboratory has not been dealt with by the Geological Dept and that the articles are still in the custody of the Department without being disposed of. It is also reported that the said material cannot be easily dealt with by the Geological Dept.

as it has no means of melting and refining the gold, or of extracting the gold from quartz and sand. In these circumstances Govt deem it expedient to get the work of refining done, ~~in the office, of and~~ under the supervision of the Geological Department, by ~~a~~ local goldsmiths ~~of the~~ C.I.M. Station by name Nanjunda Chetty who is reported to have offered himself to do the work at a rate acceptable to Govt, and ~~to sell~~ and to sell the refined gold to them on a valuation to be fixed by the Secretary to Govt in the Geological Deptt. Some of the material may also be sent by the Geological Department to the Bombay Mint for being melted and refined and then sold ~~selling~~ it in the Bombay market. As regards the few bags of tailings which are reported to be in the custody of the Geological Deptt.

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Separate proposals for their disposal are awaited.

CRB
15/9/08
for Secretary.

The Registrar of the Chief Court of Mysore
" Secretary to Govt in the Geological Dept
(returning the records)
" Deputy Commissioner Kolar District.

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12/9/08